Multi mode transport system

447. SHRI P. PRABHAKAR REDDY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways in collaboration with the State Government have developed a multi-mode transport system to decongest traffic in Hyderabad City;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether an MoU has been signed in this regard and if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when the proposed multi-mode transport system is likely to become operational?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) to (d) An MoU was signed between Ministry of Railways and Government of Andhra Pradesh to strengthen the suburban rail infrastructure and services in the city of Hyderabad as a part of a comprehensive Multimodal suburban Transportation system. The routes of Falaknuma-Secunderabad, Secunderabad-Lingampally, Secunderabad-Nampally have been identified under the scope of this multimodal transport system. The proposed multimodal transportation aims for integration of rail and bus services, and multi-modal ticketing.

With first phase implementation, train services are likely to be introduced on Hyderabad-Lingampally section by March 2003.

Improving the Meteorological Department

448. SHRI H.K JAVARE GOWDA: Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to State:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Indian Meteorological Department failed in prediction of Monsoon this year which caused great loss to farmers of the country particularly to the Karnataka farmers;

(b) if so, the details of steps Government propose to take to improve meteorological department; and